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SUBJ: FAHMY APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT FORD

REF: STATE 239402

1. CHARGE SPOKE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY CHIEF OF CABINET OSAMA EL BAZ IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIVING REFTEL. EL BAZ FIRST SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AND WOULD LET ME KNOW IN THE MORNING. FIVE MINUTES LATER, OBVIOUSLY HAVING CHECKED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER, EL BAZ CALLED BACK TO STATE THAT IT WAS UNLIKELY FOREIGN MINISTER COULD MAKE DATES OF OCTOBER 1 AND OCTOBER 2. I PRESSED HIM FOR DEFINITIVE ANSWER AND HE REPEATED HE DID NOT THINK FOREIGN MINISTER COULD BE THERE AT THOSE TIMES.

2. COMMENT: I THINK WHILE IT IS STILL POSSIBLE THAT FOREIGN MINISTER WILL FIGURE OUT A WAY TO COME TO U.S. BRIEFLY TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER, IT SEEMS OBVIOUS HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE THE DATES ALREADY SUGGESTED. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROBE HIS TRAVEL INTENTIONS, WHICH ARE RELATED TO THE LEBANESE SITUATION AND WILL INFORM YOU IMMEDIATELY WHEN WE HAVE SOLID INFORMATION.
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